

HIS CLERK'S OFFER AROUSED SUSPICION.

R. Smith & Co.'s Confidential Man Wanted to Buy the Business for Cash.

The Surprised Employer Discharged Him on the Spot, and an Arrest Soon Followed.

LAPP TRIED IN VAIN TO SETTLE.

Declared That \$2,000 Would Cover His Deficiency, but He Demanded a Guarantee That He Would Be Free from All Punishment.

R. Smith & Co., of No. 600 Broome street, have carried on a wholesale cloak business at that number for ten years past.

When Mr. R. Smith sat down at his desk Monday morning last he was suddenly approached by his bookkeeper and confidential man, Morris Lapp.

"Well," asked Mr. Smith inquiringly, "I wish to make you a cash offer for your business as it stands," coolly said the confidential man.

WORKED FOR HIM TOO LONG. The chair in which Lapp's employer sat fell back, revolved and fell back again before Mr. Smith recovered from his surprise.

"Twenty-seven months," was the answer. "Umph," mused Mr. Smith; "less than three years, and you want to buy my business, Lapp, you are discharged."

Mr. Smith went out, and so did Lapp. The former suspected he had been robbed and set things in motion to ascertain, while the latter called on Mr. Charles Infeld, a dealer in plushes and piece goods, doing business at No. 197 Wooster street.

Mr. Infeld knew Lapp in connection with his friend, Smith, and at once noticed that he wore a troubled expression. He asked what had happened, and learned from the ex-confidential man that he had just been discharged.

WANTED HIS DEBT PAID.

Lapp asked for a confidential interview, and was told by Infeld to call at his house, No. 107 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, the same evening.

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CHARLES INFELD, Jobber in Plushes and Piece Goods, 197 Wooster street, N. Y.

For and in consideration of two thousand dollars, this day paid me by Morris Lapp, I acknowledge that I have no claim of any kind against him for any cause whatsoever.

Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of March, 1896.

Smith positively refused to sign this paper on the ground that it would make him a party to a possible crime.

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"He told me," Infeld states, "he began to rob his firm from the day he took their books."

Mrs. Lapp refused to be seen, and so did her husband, when a note was taken to him by an official of the Jefferson Market Prison yesterday. The detectives say Lapp hid in a Pearl street loft between Wednesday and Friday, when they arrested him.

BURGLARS LEFT A NOTE.

There Was Nothing in the Safe, So They Locked Up Their Message and Broke in Elsewhere.

J. Mansfield opened his barber shop, No. 29 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, at the usual hour yesterday morning and went to his safe. On one of the shelves he found an envelope addressed to him. He tore it open and read:

"Oh, you jay! You knew better than to put your money in the safe and lock it. You are dead easy."

The safe had been left open and empty the night before, but the burglars turned the combination on their note. In a rear room they found \$51 in cash, which they carried off, together with a quantity of cigars and shaving implements.

F. S. Rose was asleep in the rear of his hardware store at No. 37 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street when he was awakened and crept to the head of the cellar stairs. He managed to make out the forms of two men. He moved over to his desk, got his revolver and returned to the stairway, but the two forms had disappeared.

Rose rushed into the street crying "Police!" It was then about 2:30 a. m. Policemen McKenna and four other detectives traced the burglars to a high fence freshly scratched and marked by shoes. Where the burglars disappeared to no one knows.

They got into the cellar of Rose's store by forcing a heavy bar from its socket in the steel grating protecting the windows. The rear door in the hallway of the apartment house at No. 45 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street was found open. It is believed the burglars reached the yard through that entrance and worked on all the stores at the back.

"CAMMEYER" STAMPED ON A SHOE MEANS STANDARD OF MERIT.

6th Avenue, cor. 18th St.

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Special Values this week in

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3000 Yards English Cretonnes 10c

In the most desirable colorings and designs, at 19c

4600 Yards Swiss Embr'd Muslins at 25c

950 Yards Figured Jute Tapestries at 50c

1500 Yards English Art Drapery Materials at 19c

The above are all Much Below Regular Values

West 23d St.

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Monday Special Sale

Dress Goods

1500 Yards Navy Blue Cheviot Serges at 50c

Regular Price 85c Yard.

3000 Yards Chameleon Mohairs

n medium and dark shades, at 63c

Regular Price \$1.00 Yard.

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Dress Stuffs FOR SPRING WEAR.

Suitings. All Wool, Silk and Wool Mixtures, Check Suitings.

Self Colored Fabrics. Armures, Serges, Diagonals.

Mohairs. Plain and Glace Mohairs, Fancy Figured Mohairs.

PRINTED CHALLIES. GRENADINES.

Fancy, Stripe, and Plaid All Wool and Silk and Wool Grenadines.

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Among the many beautiful things to be had are Chameleon Crepon, Dresden-Figured Mohairs and Lenos, plain and fancy Canvas, Shot Estemine and Brilliantines, Jacquards, and Two-toned Figured Sicilians.

Specials for Monday.

One lot 44-inch hard twisted STORM SERGE, in navy and black only, value 75c yard, at 49c.

One lot 44-inch Shot and Figured ENGLISH MOHAIR, value \$1.19 yard, at 79c.

These beautiful and lustrous goods are in all the newest colorings and shadings, and very desirable.

Black Goods.

One lot 42-inch all-wool FANCY JACQUARDS, value 75c yard, at 49c.

One lot 48-inch FRENCH CREPON, in various styles and weaves, formerly \$1.08 yard, now 1.39

In Foreign Wash Goods Department, 150 pieces English Silk Warp LUSTRINES at 79c yard. This is an entirely new material in Shot, plain, self-colored and printed Warp with Dresden effects.

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Spring Importations of Ladies' Underwear.

Great Sale and Special Show of Newest Effects in Chemise de Jour, Chemise de Nuit, Cache Corsets, Feignoirs and Jupons.

With the following Items of Interest:

Hand-made Gowns, Skirts, Drawers and Corset Covers, in French Batiste, Percale and Linon, trimmings of embroidery linen and Val laces, at 1.49

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Night Gowns, Chemises, Skirts, Drawers and Corset Covers, Empire, Marie Antoinette and Pompadour shapes, trimmings of English embroidery, Val and Torchon laces, at 89c

Muslin Gowns, tucked yokes, cambric ruffle trimmings, 39c

Drawers, with ruffles of embroidery, at 29c

Corset Covers, high and low neck, trimming of lace and embroidery 15c

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In Taffeta Glace, Stripes and Fancy effects, light and dark grounds; full umbrella.

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Wm. P. Ahnelt.

We have made this enormous Spring Purchase at the remarkably Low Price above stated, and will sell the entire stock AT 1-3 THE COST

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Here Are Three Price Hints

100 pcs. Warp print Taffetas, Persian and Dresden effects, latest colorings, in light and dark grounds, can be duplicated for less than 1.00..... 69c.

250 pcs. Checked Taffetas, two, three and four toned effects, guaranteed washable, well worth 75c..... 35c.